

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for providing a distributed zone of fluid in a filter of a smoking article comprising:

(a) a container for a fluid which forms a wet impact barrier when inserted into a smoking article, and

(b) a delivery feature including an outlet, wherein the delivery feature provides a fluid communication path ~~communicating~~ between the container and ~~an~~ the outlet of the delivery feature~~[[,]]~~ that allows for transfer of said fluid from the container to the smoking article, wherein ~~the delivery feature comprises at least in part a tube of significantly lesser diameter than the diameter of the smoking article, and~~ the combination of container and delivery feature ~~provides for~~ is adapted for user alignment and user insertion of the outlet of the delivery feature laterally into a side wall of the filter to allow placement of a substantially definable quantity of said fluid at a ~~predetermined~~ user selected location within the smoking article.

2. (Original) A device according to Claim 1, wherein the delivery feature comprises an injection needle.

3. Canceled

4. (Amended) A device according to Claim 2, wherein the injection needle is a disposable unit removeably mounted ~~mountable~~ on the container for one-trip use.

5. (Amended) A device according to Claim 1, wherein control of delivery of fluid is facilitated by the material from which ~~construction~~ of the container is constructed.

6. (Original) A device according to Claim 5, wherein at least a portion of a wall of the container is resilient and/or pliable.

7. (Currently Amended) A device ~~according to claim 1~~ wherein the delivery feature ~~comprises at least one~~ for providing a distributed zone of fluid in a filter of a smoking article, wherein the smoking article includes a tobacco end and a mouth end, and wherein the filter extends from the mouth end to a base of the filter that abuts tobacco, said device comprising:

(a) a container for a fluid which forms a wet impact barrier when inserted into a smoking article, and

(b) a delivery feature including a plurality of injection needle needles, wherein each injection needle extends axially from one of the tobacco end or the mouth end of the smoking article to a region in the vicinity of the base of the filter when inserted in the smoking article.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Amended) A device ~~according to Claim 8,~~ for providing a distributed zone of fluid in a filter of a smoking article, wherein the smoking article includes a tobacco end and a mouth end, and wherein the filter extends from the mouth end to a base of the filter that abuts tobacco, said device comprising:

(a) a container for a fluid which forms a wet impact barrier when inserted into a smoking article, and

(b) a delivery feature including an injection needle, wherein the or each injection needle extends axially is of sufficient axial extent for insertion from the tobacco end of the smoking article to extend into said a region of the filter in the vicinity of the base of said filter when inserted in the smoking article to tobacco boundary.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim ~~[[8]]~~ 9, comprising stop means to delimit the extent of insertion of said injection needle.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 7, wherein the delivery feature further comprises a piston and cylinder type unit and control of delivery is achieved by displacement of a piston or plunger within a cylinder of the unit.

14. (Original) A device according to Claim 13, wherein said cylinder is provided with an external sheath to engage over the exterior of at least a portion of an elongate smoking article during application of the device to the smoking article.

15. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 13, wherein said cylinder is provided with gradation marks to facilitate the dispensing of a substantially definable quantity of said fluid.

16. (Amended) A device according to Claim 13, wherein ~~the or~~ each injection needle extends from an end face of the cylinder and said end face defines a stop to delimit the extent of insertion of the injection needles ~~needle(s)~~ into a smoking article.

17. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 13, wherein said piston or plunger is spring-loaded and delivery of fluid is achieved by engagement of an end face of the smoking article against said piston or plunger and displacement of the piston or plunger against the spring loading.

18. (Amended) A device according to Claim 17, wherein ~~the or~~ each injection needle extends directly from said piston or plunger and the face of the piston/plunger from which the needles extend ~~needle(s) extend(s)~~ defines a stop to delimit the extent of insertion of the injection needles ~~needle(s)~~ into a smoking article.

19. (Previously Presented) A device according to Claim 17, comprising a non-return valve for one-way flow of fluid from container to cylinder.

20. A kit for providing a distributed zone of fluid in a filter of a smoking article comprising:
- (a) a container for a fluid which forms a wet impact barrier when inserted into a smoking article, and
 - (b) a multiplicity of disposable delivery features corresponding to the container, wherein each disposable delivery feature includes an outlet and provides a fluid communication path ~~for communicating between the container and an~~ the outlet of the delivery feature, for transfer of said fluid to the smoking article, and wherein each disposable delivery feature ~~comprising at least in part a tube of significantly lesser diameter than the diameter of the smoking article and being~~ is removeably mountable on the container for one-trip use for placement of a substantially definable quantity of said fluid at a pre-determined location defined by the user within the smoking article.